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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Jenkins
~~Mr. Rostow~~ (in turn)

SUBJECT: Limited Objective Strategies Against China

1. The attached study by the Chairman, JCS Special Studies Group, looks at the problem which I had originally hoped that the Joint State-Defense Study Group would investigate among others.

2. It evaluates the alternative strategies for the conduct of limited offensive operations against Communist China in response to an overt intervention in Southeast Asia by significant Communist Chinese forces in the 1967 time frame.

3. The study has not yet been reviewed by the JCS and should be regarded as a privileged document.

4. Three alternative strategies are examined:

ALPHA -- Air and naval offensive against Communist China-holding operation in Southeast Asia.

BRAVO -- Air, land, and sea offensive against South China-holding operation in Southeast Asia.

CHARLIE -- Air and sea offensive against South China-land, sea, and air offensive against North Vietnam.

5. Major conclusions:

a. All three alternatives are feasible.

b. ALPHA can be executed within total U.S. programmed active forces plus mobilization of some Air National Guard units.

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